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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE  
INTERVIEW UNDER M.P.E.P. § 713.04**

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**Sir:**


**Responsive to the Interview Summary dated April 8, 2008.**

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**CENTRAL FAX CENTER****APR 17 2008****Applicant:** Nishiyama et al.  
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Making reference to the Interview Summary, Applicant wishes to advise that Applicant's representative conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Haoshian Shih on March 26, 2008. Noting that the Examiner indicated in the Final Office Action dated March 18, 2008 the prior art rejection can be "alleviated" by indicating the specific features of the "virtual-light-box display" (VLB), Applicant's representative conducted the aforesaid interview to discuss the Examiner's suggestions and was advised by the Examiner that the prior art does not teach the VLB capabilities of comparison of two or more images side-by-side, wherein all of the compared images are enlarged, reduced or undergo other action simultaneously to enhance comparison operations, the Examiner advising that the prior art is limited to teaching placing two images side-by-side and fails to teach the above-mentioned VLB features. The Examiner advised that he would have to study an amendment of the claims reciting the VLB features in order to determine if such amendments would be permitted after final action. Applicant's undersigned attorney advised that he would report the substance of the telephone interview and request instructions from the Applicant. The prior art discussed was U.S. Patent No. 6,202,061 (Khosla et al.). No agreement was reached with respect to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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